

REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, restriction was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-7, directed to “data editing apparatus for reediting edited data composed of a combination of a plurality of partial data extracted from at least one material data;” and

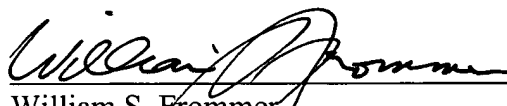
Group II claims 8-21, directed to “data editing apparatus for further editing an edited material composed of a plurality of editing target materials.”

Without commenting on the accuracy of the Examiner’s characterization of the subject matter of the respective groups of claims, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-7 for further prosecution in the present application. To simplify the prosecution of this application, non-elected claims 8-21 are cancelled.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application to re-present the nonelected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

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